

**Be part of the experience! Join the hundreds of volunteers who make this festival happen!**

Lowell National Historical Park is currently seeking volunteers for a variety of positions to assist with this summer's Lowell Folk Festival, taking place from Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> in downtown Lowell. There are many opportunities to assist, from staffing sales areas to escorting and transporting performers around town to assisting with recording the performances. And this is not all. Check the list of duties and descriptions below for a better picture of what actually goes on. Volunteers can elect to work one shift, or throughout the weekend. Each year we have many returning volunteers, but we have many opportunities for new volunteers to come on board. There is plenty of work (and fun) to go around! It's great fun and a way to help out and enjoy the festival at the same time! To volunteer or for more information, call 978/970-5032 or email us.

#### **FOLK FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER DUTY DESCRIPTIONS**

**Surveying.** Volunteers will each survey about 25 festival attendees using clipboards and preprinted data sheets. Training will be provided, and reliability, precision, and good interpersonal skills will be helpful for this position.

**Sales Booth.** Volunteer will sell festival memorabilia such as t-shirts, hats, tote bags, music tapes, compact discs, etc. at a sales booth located close to festival music stages during the festival. A friendly demeanor and ability to handle some crowds is helpful.

**Transportation.** Volunteers will assist with transporting festival artists to and from Logan and Manchester, NH airports, and throughout downtown Lowell. A driver's license, knowledge of Lowell streets, and ability to drive safely through extremely busy downtown streets are required.

**Performer Escort.** Volunteers assist our visiting performers in finding their way around town. Escorts are assigned to a performer/band and will spend much of the weekend assisting them in getting around to different stages, meals, back to the hotel, etc. Our transportation system will get you where you need to go, but you will provide the personal contact to make the performers feel welcome. While a commitment for much of the weekend is desired, there will be ample opportunity between duties for you to enjoy the festival.

**Sound Logging.** Volunteers help us to document the sounds of the festival. Logging involves assisting with the recording of the performances - keeping notes on individual performers, names and instruments played, and titles of songs. Training and detailed instructions will be provided at both the volunteer evening meeting, as well as a hands-on session on Saturday morning.

**Donations.** Volunteers will collect donations with buckets during the festival at key stages from the crowd of listeners. Volunteer caps will identify you and announcements will be made by the emcee before donations are collected. An outgoing personality would be helpful.

**Information Booth.** Volunteers will staff information booths at key locations during the festival to answer questions on performance schedules, locations of various stages, restrooms, ethnic food booths, etc. The necessary information will be on hand to assist with answering these questions. A friendly demeanor and some knowledge of downtown Lowell are helpful.

**Assign as Needed.** Volunteers who check this area will be used to fill holes in the volunteer schedule and to do miscellaneous duties such as hotel check-in, etc.

**Pre-event Duties.** Volunteers are sometimes needed in the two weeks prior to the festival to help with assembling performer packages, distributing posters, pre-event stage and booth set-up, etc. Free time in the weeks preceding the festival is needed for these duties.

**Recycling.** Assist the national park and the city in implementing the first recycling program for a greener event. This will require some lifting and washing of bottles and plastic containers at recycling stations that will be set up around the festival grounds.

**Crafts Assistance.** Assist with set-up and presentation of crafts; work with master crafters on this year's theme, "New England traditions in wood."